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Loudoun 2040 Comprehensive Plan

August 9, 2018 | Planning Commission Special Worksession



Goals for Tonight

- 1. Begin to Work Through Material
 - A. Lists of Recommendations
 - B. Land Use
 - C. Place Types

2. 8:30pm - Questions & Answers on Other Topics



Goals of New Plan

- 1. Establish Policy Direction for County
- 2. Update to Reflect Achievements and Changes
- 3. Approachable
- 4. Flexible



Basis of Planning and Zoning

Decisions

Regulatory Documents

(Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, etc.)

Plans & Studies

(General Plan, Transportation Plan, etc.)

State Enabling Legislation

(Code of Virginia Title 15.2, Chapter 22)



Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance: What's the Difference?

Comprehensive Plan	Zoning Ordinance
Advisory document	Mandatory compliance; Includes consequences for violations
Not self-implementing; Provides vision, goals and reasoning for what will become the implementing ordinances	Self-implementing; becomes law upon adoption
Recommends general guidance as to how land should be used	Provides detailed regulations for specific development projects
Guidance can be waived by decision-making body	Regulations can only be waived if authorized by ordinance



Plan Policy: General vs. Specific

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General	Flexible; Allows for Creativity; More Adaptable to Market Changes (Specificity still contained in ordinances)	Potential for Inconsistent Interpretation as County Officials Change Over Time
Specific	Provides Greater Clarity in Direction of Implementation; Allows for More Consistent Interpretation Over Time	Inflexible; Can Grow Outdated; Can Give False Impression That Contents are <i>Required</i>

The 2040 Plan is the first step in a culture change of more regularly reviewing and updating the County's planning documents.

Must find the appropriate balance of general vs. specific guidance in 2040 Plan.



Workflow: Decision Points

- 1. Recommendations Lists
- 2. Rural Policy Area/Transition Policy Area Land Conversions
- 3. Place Types Template
- 4. Joint Land Management Area Place Types
- 5. Potential Place Types Consolidation
- 6. Proposed Route 7/Route 28 Urban Policy Area
- 7. Place Type Character & Intensity
 - a) "Missing Middle" housing options
 - b) More/Less density
 - c) FAR calculations
- 8. Other Issues/Q&A Starting at 8:30pm



1. Recommendations Lists

- Stakeholders Recommendations
- Editorial Staff Recommendations
- Substantial Staff Recommendations



- 1. Better convey the design goals [of the Plan] by adding additional linkages between concepts, and consider where refinement is needed to clarify the Plan's intent.
- 2. Policy 1, Strategy 1.1 F. This action should be moved up to become the first Rural Village policy.
- 3. Chapter 2-98 Loudoun County Policy Areas Map. INSERT: "Stick Figure" of the 4 existing Dulles Runways & the location for the 5th, Planned Future Runway.



- 4. Chapter 2-99 Loudoun County Redevelopment Areas Map. INSERT: "Stick Figure" of the 4 existing Dulles Runways & the location for the 5th, Planned Future Runway.
- 5. Chapter 3 Loudoun County Natural Resources, Rivers & Streams, Watersheds & Historic District Areas Maps. INSERT: "Stick Figure" of the 4 existing Dulles Runways & the location for the 5th, Planned Future Runway.



6. I move the Vision Statement (pp 4-2) delete the words "for all people who want to work and live in Loudoun County." So the Vision statement reads "Encourage housing options that can accommodate a variety of lifestyles, households, ages, cultures, market preferences, incomes and special needs through the private market place.



- 7. Chapter 6 Loudoun County Existing Facilities, Small Area Boundaries, Water/Service Areas, Trails & Parks Maps. INSERT: "Stick Figure" of the 4 existing Dulles Runways & the location for the 5th, Planned Future Runway.
- 8. CTP Loudoun County 2040 Transportation Roadway Map Plan. Bicycle & PedEx, & Proposed Changes from 2010 CTP Maps. INSERT: "Stick Figure" of the 4 existing Dulles Runways & the location for the 5th, Planned Future Runway.



- 9. Robust and Scalable vocational training to support agriculture/rural economy.
- 10. Chapter 3: Blue Boxes No build buffer for parks unless mitigated or remove [box].
- 11. Chapter 2: Increase residential densities in UPA (everything other than Transit Center). Comparing UPA and SPA residential density are the same UPA should be higher [something like] 32-35.

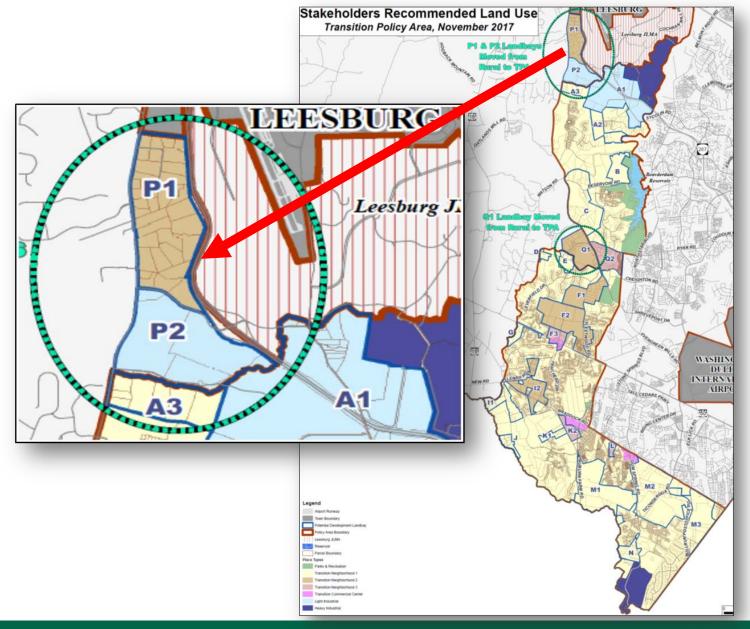


- 12.[Increase] Light Industrial [to] 1.0 FAR.
- 13.Look at methodology for calculating for density to make sure we get a diverse amount of residential units. Number and type.



2. RPA Land Conversion to TPA

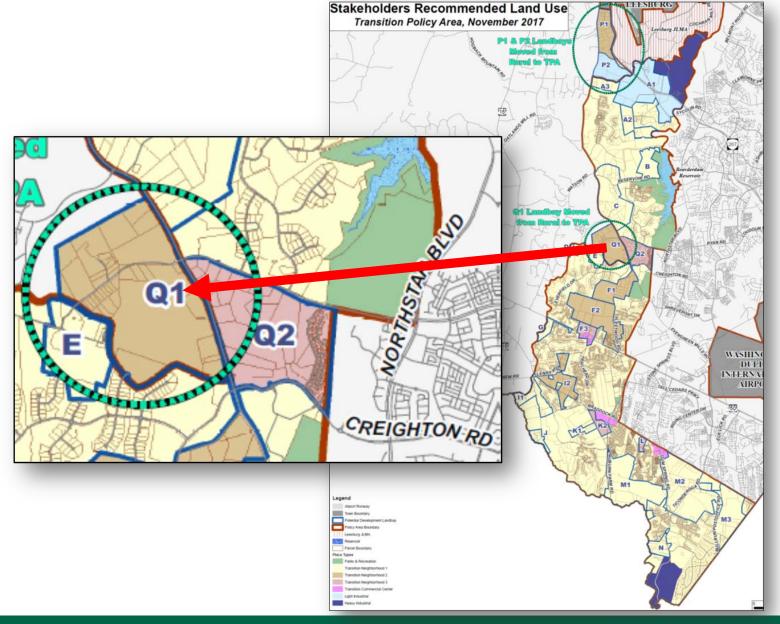
- Land Bay P1/P2
 - Current:
 - .05 du/a if < 20 acres
 - .2 du/a if >/= 20 acres
 - Total units allowed: 85
 - Proposed:
 - 1 du/a in P1
 - Light Industrial in P2
 - Total units allowed: 181
 - Difference of 96 units above RGP





2. RPA Land Conversion to TPA

- Land Bay Q1
 - Current:
 - .05 du/a
 - Total units allowed: 114
 - Proposed:
 - 1 du/a
 - Total units allowed: 356
 - Difference of 242 units above RGP





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